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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 20, 2000. A Notice of Appeal was filed on March 16, 2001. Claims 1-13, 15-22, 38, 41 and 45-49 are currently under examination. A two-month extension of time accompanies this response, extending the time to respond from May 16, 2001 to July 16, 2001.

OK to enter
Jehanne Souaya
July 31, 2001